

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please add the following section, captioned **RELATED APPLICATIONS**, before the caption **FIELD OF THE INVENTION**:

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This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/212,680, entitled "Tracking Surgical Implements With Integrated Circuits," filed on June 20, 2000, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.--